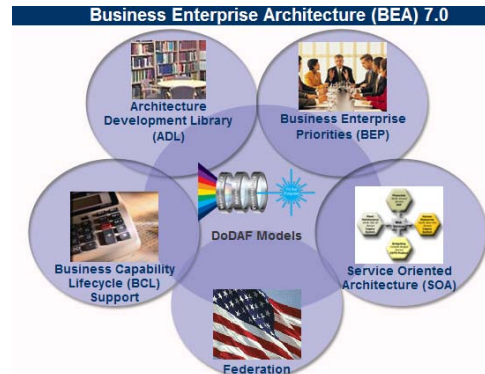


BEA 7.0 Compliance Guidance Released, Enables More Efficient Usage of the BEA

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Arlington, VA - The Business Transformation Agency (BTA) just released the Business Enterprise Architecture (BEA) Version 7.0 Compliance Guidance (the Guidance). The Compliance Guidance provides statutory and policy knowledge for those seeking to obligate funds of more than \$1 million on Defense Business System (DBS) modernizations to achieve DBS compliance with the BEA. This latest version of the Compliance Guidance released on March 12, 2010 replaces the May 14, 2009 version.



“The BEA Compliance Guidance for BEA 7.0 continues to improve in terms of driving defense business system owners and developers toward easier and more efficient usage of the BEA,” said Melissa Naroski, BTA’s Lead for Business Capability Lifecycle Process Integration and Improvement.

The Compliance Guidance provides direction on how to assess and document DBS compliance to the BEA and is used throughout the Department of Defense (DoD) by Program Managers, Chief Management Officers (CMOs), Investment Review Boards and the DoD Deputy CMO (DCMO). It explains best practices for assessing such compliance and the process for doing so. The Guidance recommends compliance criteria to strengthen interoperability and improve services, systems and solutions, enabling strategic alignment to Departmental business priorities.

The latest Compliance Guidance also provides clarification of critical changes in key compliance areas. The changes addressed include the upgrade from DoD Architecture Framework 1.5 to 2.0 and the associated BEA compliance in relationship to the DBS acquisition lifecycle; the definition of *informational* vs. *official* BEA releases; and the inclusion of the CMO and DCMO roles in the BEA compliance process.

BEA Version 7.0 Compliance Guidance is available online at:
http://www.bta.mil/products/bea_7_0/BEA/products/bea_compliance_guidance.pdf

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ABOUT THE BEA: The BEA is the enterprise architecture for the DoD Business Mission Area and includes activities, processes, data standards, business rules, operating requirements and information exchanges. It is developed using a set of integrated DoD Architecture Framework products to guide, constrain and implement interoperable defense business system solutions as required by the National Defense Authorization Act. The BEA better enables DoD business systems users, developers and investment managers to align DoD information technology investments with business initiatives, improving system interoperability and executing rapid system deployment through reduced development time and improved reuse.